

*Would you ask us: Why this Big Sale?
Why these Crowds and Why these Prices?
We would answer, we would tell you,*

THAT CHRISTMAS IS COMING AND CRAWFORD'S

Is "Clearing the Track" for the biggest importation of Christmas Toys ever consigned to one firm

SANTA CLAUS NEEDS ROOM TO SPREAD HIMSELF

For the Children's benefit, and the various stocks on the Second Floor must shrink some to accommodate him.

House-Furnishing Goods Going This Week for Less Than Manufacturers' Rates!

Millinery, Cloaks, Blankets, Etc., Etc., Reduced to Bed-Rock Prices!!



Ladies' full directoire style Seal Plush Jacket with vest front, real seal collar fastenings, handsomely lined and finished for
\$19.00.
Worth \$30.00.



Misses' Heavy Cloth Sleeve-Cape Newmarket, tight fitting, silk ornament in back, bell sleeve with cuff, for ages 12 to 16 years; rise of 25c on a size. Smallest size.
\$7.00.

Directoire Cloth Newmarkets, with trimming of black and gold, in Directoire effect, blues, browns and reds, tight-fitting, with full back, ages 12 to 16; rise of 25c per size; smallest size.
\$8.25.

Misses' heavy wool Beaver Newmarkets, in large fancy plaids, with reverse cape, Directoire pockets, fancy buttons, ages 8 to 12; rise of 50c per size, smallest size.
\$8.00.

Children's Gretchens, with cape and belt with ornament, of invisible stripe Venetian Cloth, in tans, dark blues and greens, ages 6 to 12; rise of 25c per size; smallest size.
\$6.50.

NEWMARKETS

Ladies' Newmarkets in large, fancy plaids and stripes, a variety of colors, for

\$6.50.

Ladies' solid color Beaver Diagonal Newmarkets, tailor made, silk ornament in back, for

\$7.50.

Ladies' invisible stripe Venetian Cloth Newmarkets in browns, blues and greens, for

\$8.50.

Ladies' solid color Beaver Directoire Cape Newmarkets, in dark greens and blues, for

\$9.50.

Ladies' full Directoire Newmarkets of fine solid color Beaver, with applique collar, revers, cuffs and pocket laps, in greens, blues, French grays and tans, for

\$17.50.

Were sold at \$22.50.

MATTRESSES

Full size double-bed Excelsior Mattresses,

\$1.90.

Reduced from \$2.50.

Full size Double-Bed Mattresses, excelsior and cotton-top, good ticking, well made, only

\$2.50.

Reduced from \$3.50.

Full size Double-Bed Mattress, best ticking, best make excelsior, cotton-top.

\$3.25.

Reduced from \$4.25 each.



Ladies' Seal Plush Modjeska, spiked trimming all around, bell sleeves, handsomely quilted satin lining, loop ornaments, for

\$17.50.

Sold earlier for \$25.



Ladies' Street Jacket, double breasted, well made and finished, in striped cloth, heavy weight, for

\$2.50.

\$2.75.

Worth \$5 earlier in the season.



Ladies' fine Beaver Newmarket, in dark navy blue, with sleeve cape, braid finish, for

\$16.00.

Sold earlier for \$25.



Ladies' Seal Plush English Walking Jacket, lined with best quality quilted satin, elegantly finished, chamois pockets, for

\$11.00.

Worth \$18 anywhere else, and the biggest bargain in the city.



Ladies' Long Seal Plush Sacoque, 4 seal loop ornaments, elegantly lined with quilted satin, chamois pockets, for

\$23.00.

SOLD EARLIER FOR \$32.50.



Ladies' Striped Beaver Cloth English Coat, in black or blue, with double collar and directoire pockets, braid bound, for

\$9.50.

CHEAP AT \$15.00.

JACKETS!

Ladies' Venetian Cloth Jackets, with Jacquard pattern vest, for

\$5.75.

Were \$8.50.

Ladies' Venetian Cloth Directoire Jackets, with embroidered vest, revers, collar and cuffs, for

\$6.00.

Were \$9.50.

Ladies' Satin-Lined Beaver Imported Jackets, in dark red, with rolling jacket front and black vest, embroidered in gold and black, for

\$9.75.

Were \$17.50.

Ladies' Reseda Green Fine Beaver Jackets, bias fronts, silver buttons, for

\$6.75.

Reduced from \$9.00.

Regular \$5.50 Stockinet Jackets for

\$3.50.

The finest Stockinet Jacket in the city, satin-faced, tailor-made, bound seams, fine buttons; can't be bought at whole sale for the price.

COMFORTS!

A splendid double Bed Comfort, white cotton filling, good calico,

\$1.35.

Reduced from \$2.00.

Large size Washington red oil calico Comforts, best filling, well made,

\$1.50.

Reduced from \$2.25 each.

Extra fine Cretonne Comforts, fast colors, white cotton filling, extra size for double bed.

\$1.85.

Reduced from \$2.50.



Ladies' best quality Seal Plush Jacket, with Directoire revers, loose front, elegantly lined, chamois pockets, for

\$16.50.

Worth \$25.



Children's Venetian Cloth Cape Gretchens, with silk girdle, in blues, with black and white stripes, ages 6 to 12; rise of 25c per size. Smallest size.

\$7.00.

Children's Gretchens, with cape and belt, of heavy cloth, ages 4 to 6, for

\$1.75.

Children's Gretchens, with shoulder cape and belt, in several different styles of stripes and colors, ages 4, 6, 8 and 10 years; rise in price of 15c per size. Smallest size.

\$2.00.

Children's Embossed Stripe Gretchens, in browns and blues and reds, with shoulder cape and belt, ages 6 to 12; rise of 25c per size. Smallest size.

\$5.50.

Misses' Newmarkets, in shot stripe cloth, tight fitting, full back, bell sleeve, ages 12 to 16; rise of 15c per size. Smallest size.

\$5.00.

D. Crawford & Co Marshmallows This Week in Crawford's Candy Dep't, 25c a Pound BROADWAY & FRANKLIN AV

Olive and Locust, St. Louis.

DIED BY HIS OWN HAND

A MURDEROUS PRINTER

was almost taken by Frank B. Craddock, a printer. It was all about a little story printed in the Globe Democrat.

most reliable and expert man in the composing-room. It leaked out that he was investing in the lottery, and when it became known he made no denial. He evidently believed in omens, for it was not long after his companions knew of his crass that he took a stuffed dove to the office and perched it on his case. He then brought

A LONG-LEGGED BEETLE

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and when he met Mr. Flaven Saturday night said that the article printed in the *Globe-Democrat* referred to him and that Flaven had given it to a reporter.

"I denied that I had given it to a reporter," said Mr. Flaven, speaking of the trouble to-day. "But one of them insisted that he was the man."

referred to in the article as having gone daft over the lottery and again charged me with writing the story or giving it to the press. Some hot words passed and Craddock reached for his hip pocket. I caught his arm and gave it a twist, at the same time telling him that if he wanted to talk to me he would have to keep his hands off my hips. He started to go out but turned and gave me a long hard stare. He caught hold of my arm and hoisted him out on the sidewalk. He

must have been laying for me ever since. To-day I was coming from dinner and was passing the rear door of S. F. Meyerson's printing house when Craddock, who must have hidden himself in the doorway, jumped out and, pointing a revolver at my breast, pulled the trigger. The cartridge did not explode and I jumped aside and ran. Craddock, pointing the revolver at me, again fired. His aim must have been true, for the bullet missed me just as the other three

employed in Meyerson's rushed out and CLASPING CRADDOCK AROUND THE ARMS and body held him. Two others rushed out and they carried Craddock bodily into Meyerson's office. I had nothing to do with the article printed last Friday, but Craddock thought I did and then after being kicked out made up his mind to get even with me. I may swear out a warrant, but unless I change my mind I am not."

office and given a seat. A reporter was on the scene a moment later, and Craddock being pointed out to him he tried to speak with him but Mr. Meyerson refused to let him be seen or spoken to. Shortly after a policeman walked in the back door and while inquiring of the clerks whether Craddock was there that gentleman got up from his seat and walked leisurely out the front door unmolested by the clerks in the front office. He disappeared in the crowd and was not seen again. The

street became blocked with a curious crowd soon after the shooting, and for an hour a crowd surrounded Meyerson's office, it being supposed that Craddock was hidden somewhere inside.

Craddock was arrested at Second and Chestnut streets a few minutes later by Sergt. O'Malley and Patrolman Hasecek.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

E. J. W.—A full-hand beats a straight in poker.

READER.—An order for 1000 is not a premium.

SUBSCRIBER.—There is no premium on a half dollar of 1882 at present.

F. A. V.—There is no difference between a foot square and a square foot.

DRAMATIC.—Address the business manager of the paper, New York City.

INTERESTED.—No meeting of the Merchants' Bridge directors was held last evening.

SCHOOL GIRL.—An engagement ring should be worn on the third finger of the left hand.

BALFOUR.—The apple known as the Balfour is of a long shape, not round as

L. A. S.—1. A United States dollar of 1785 with flowing hair is valued at \$2. 2. A half dollar of 1881 is not at a premium.

CONSTANT READER.—1. The present Lord Mayor of London is John Lubbock, Esq. His name is J. He is of the Habswath family.

TWO SUBSCRIBERS.—Judges and clerks of the coming school election will be paid \$3 each for services by the Board of School Directors.

CONAN AND JOS.—"Smith's Dictionary of the Bible" says that the word rain is first found

in the Bible in Deuteronomy (11, 14, in the following sentence: "I will give rain of your land in its season."

CRITERIA.—The Constitution says no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification for any office or public trust under the United States. A person elected cannot be debarred from taking office on account of religious belief.

C. J. B.—1. Building associations may be used for the purpose of collecting signatures by the president and secretary when authorized by the directing board. 2. It is necessary to take oath to secure registration as a voter. 3. The law provides that persons having religious opinions may be exempted from military service.

MARY CARRIE.—Whip in case is allowed

to take the black pawn from black, unless pawn is in such a position that he can regularly capture it. He can take everything except the king. If every pawn he succeeds in getting to black's extreme side of the board, though he may have one or more queens on the board. All problems will be cheerfully worked for you at the Chess Club, 304 Clark street. 3. Place the board with the white square at the lower right-hand corner and place each queen on their own color, viz., the white queen on the white square and the black one on the black square.

Cathedral Parish will be given at the Masonic Hall, northwest corner of Seventh and Marine streets this evening. The Cathedral Parish has always made a success of the entertainment and the record of past years will to all probability be surpassed this year. A large number of the ladies and some of the ladies in the parish have taken hold of the matter, and are doing a great deal of work. The arrangements were completed 30-day, and a large attendance is expected.

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Mary "Diagnose."

Mary Williams, alias Mary Diagnose, a meretricious wife is a familiar figure in the police courts, was one of Judge Ogden's distinguished guests this morning. Mary got drunk yesterday and cleaned out a man's house.

"In fact," said the court, "I do not like you myself and will fine you \$10."

